

**Autism Society of  
Cumberland County**

**Jackie Pfuntner, Editor**

**Calendar of Events:**

- Sept. 8 @ 11:30 am ~  
ALC Support Group at  
Applebee's on Skibo
- Sept. 14 @ 5:45 pm ~  
HFA Support Group at  
Spainhour
- Sept. 14 @ 6:30 pm ~  
Parent Ed. Mtg. at  
Spainhour
- Sept. 16 @ 9:30 am ~  
ABC Support Group at  
Ckick-Fil-A on Skibo
- Sept. 22 @ 11:00 am ~  
Board of Directors Mtg.  
at Omni Family Resource  
Center
- Sept. 25 @ 9:45 am ~  
Autism Book Club at  
Headquarters Library

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**Monthly Parent Education Program**

**Maureen Morrell,**

*Parent and ASNC Director of Government and  
Community Relations*

**And**

**Ann Palmer,**

*Parent and ASNC Direct of Chapter Relations*

**Will Present**

**Parenting Across the Autism Spectrum:  
Unexpected Lessons We Have Learned**

**(See Introduction excerpt on Page 3)**

**Discussion will include:**

- Balancing your family life after autism
- Accepting our children and ourselves
- Dealing with the public
- Advocating for your child
- Taking care of yourself

**Join us**

**September 14, 2009**

**at 6:30 pm at the**

**Dorothy Spainhour Center**

**223 Hull Road, Fayetteville, NC**

*Please note that the Legislator of the Year  
Award Presentation (see information below)  
will begin at 6:30 pm; a brief membership  
meeting (to include raffle drawing) and the  
guest speaker presentation will follow.*

For your convenience, free respite care is  
available on site through Community Based  
Developmental Services. Contact Cynthia  
Billops at least 24 hours prior to reserve  
your space at 488-5820/ 488-4584. You  
may leave a message to reserve your space;  
you will not receive a return phone call.

**Legislator of Year Award**

Representative Rick Glazier, who is currently serving his fourth term in the NC House representing the 45th House District, serving Cumberland County, has received the Autism Society of North Carolina Legislator of the Year Award.

The Autism Society of North Carolina will present Representative Glazier this award on **September 14 at 6:30 pm**, prior to the start of our monthly Parent Education Program. We are excited about having the opportunity to participate with the Autism Society of North Carolina in the presentation of this award.

Representative Glazier has been a strong advocate for individuals with autism and their families for many years. Other guests will be in attendance and we hope that you will join us as we recognize Representative Glazier for his tireless efforts on behalf our families.





## Support Groups

ASCC Monthly Support Groups are open to parents, professionals, and anyone else who wishes to attend. Our support groups are a great place to network with other parents and share your ideas or concerns. Find a support group meeting to fit your busy schedule.

The **Autism Breakfast Club (ABC)** Support Group will meet **Wednesday, Sept. 16** at 9:30 a.m. at Chick-Fil-A on Skibo. This group is for parents of ages pre-school—elementary with autism.

The **Autism Lunch Club (ALC)** Support Group will meet **Tuesday, Sept. 8** at 11:30 am at Applebees on Skibo. This group is for parents of ages middle school—adults with autism.

The **High Functioning Autism (HFA)** Support Group will meet **Monday, Sept. 14** at 5:45 pm at Dorothy Spainhour Center. This group is for parents of individuals with high-functioning autism/aspergers.

## Greek Festival

Greek Fest will be held on September 11, 12, and 13. The location of the festival is the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox church at 614 Oakridge Avenue. In the past, the Greek Festival Committee has given the ASCC a donation in exchange for our hard work. So mark your calendars and volunteer this year!

**Please contact Sandra Surles ASAP at 425-0821 to volunteer.**

## Hogs and Rags



We would like to sincerely thank the Hogs and Rags Event Committee for again selecting the ASCC as one of the recipient's of their fundraiser. We are so very grateful for their dedication to our mission.

Please visit [www.hogsandrags.com](http://www.hogsandrags.com) to view pictures from this year's spring rally.

## Autism Society of North Carolina's 2009 Triangle Run/Walk for Autism

Join over 3,000 runners, walkers, and trotters on Saturday, October 10, 2009 at Moore Square in downtown Raleigh. The Triangle Run/Walk for Autism, formerly the Autism Ribbon Run, includes a 5 K race that is part of the Second Empire Grand Prix Series as well as a non-competitive 5 K division, 1 Mile Fun-Run, and free Tot-trot for kids 6 and under. Proceeds from the event benefit the statewide programs and services provided by the Autism Society of North Carolina. The Autism Society of North Carolina is a 39 year-old non-profit organization that helps individuals on the autism spectrum and their families.

For more information visit the ASNC website at [www.autismsociety-nc.org](http://www.autismsociety-nc.org) or call Nancy Huber at 800-442-2762 or email at [nhuber@autismsociety-nc.org](mailto:nhuber@autismsociety-nc.org).

## Raffle Drawing to Support Camp Sunshine

The ASCC is currently selling raffle tickets in support of our developmental day program, Camp Sunshine. Tickets are \$2 each. Prizes include: 1st prize—\$300 cash, 2nd prize—\$200 cash and 3rd prize—\$100 cash.

The drawing will be held at the Parent Education Meeting on September 14 at 6:45pm at the Dorothy Spainhour Center located at 223 Hull Road. You do not need to be present to win.

Please call 826-3004 or 826-3005 if you are interested in buying tickets.



## Introduction Excerpt from

### *Parenting Across the Autism Spectrum: Unexpected Lessons We Have Learned*

“When Eric and Justin were first diagnosed, we knew that life as we had planned it was over. This new life after autism felt grim and sad, and the future looked bleaker still. Yet two decades later that future is now, and it is neither grim nor bleak. The grief that can still overwhelm us no longer comes from our children’s arrival in our lives, but from their departure as young men for their new lives. How did the future turn out to be so different from the one we had imagined?” (p11)

“Listening to the stories of the mothers’ group was like coming home, like finding a place of kindred spirits. We were no longer alone in our attempts to cope with this life after autism.” (p12)

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## Monkey Joe’s Special Needs Night

Special Needs Night is held on the 4th Thursday of every month from 6 pm—7 pm. It is free for children with special needs and their siblings.

If you have questions please contact Sarah Tuohey, Manager and Monkey Joe’s at 910-423-JOES.

Bring your kids to Monkey Joe's fun-filled inflatable play center! They have wall-to-wall inflatable slides, jumps, and obstacle courses will keep your kids active, happy, and healthy. The play center is suitable for kids 12 years-old and younger. The Mini Monkey Zone is a separate toddler play area that will keep your little ones safe and secure.

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## Autism Book Club

**The ASCC is pleased to introduce a new activity for families.**

**We hope you can attend the Autism Book Club**

**September Title: *There’s a Boy in Here***

**OPEN FORUM STYLE**

September 25, 2009

9:45 am - 11:15 am

Headquarters Library

300 Maiden Lane

**Questions or to Register...**

**email Jackie at [autismcc@ccpfc.org](mailto:autismcc@ccpfc.org) or Destiny Sandoval at [destinysandoval2003@yahoo.com](mailto:destinysandoval2003@yahoo.com).**

**The title for October will be determined at the September meeting by the group!**



Thank you to the following list of volunteers who provided support to the ASCC between April–June 2009

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## 3rd Annual Autism Awareness Golf Invitational A Great Success

### Corporate Sponsors:

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Community Based Developmental Service

Thank you to our sponsors and to all 16 teams who participated and helped to make our golf tournament a success!

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS...we could not have done it without each of you!



Fayetteville TEACCH Conference Scholarship Application:

## TEACCH-Fundamentals of Structured Teaching

Thursday and Friday, September 24–September 25, 2009

8:30 am–3:30 pm

FAHEC, 1601 Owen Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28304

*APPLICATION DUE DATE: Wednesday, September 11, 2009*

A limited number of conference scholarships for parents interested in attending a TEACCH training in Fayetteville, NC are available. More information on the conference can be obtained by calling TEACCH at 437-2517 or [www.teacch.com](http://www.teacch.com).

If you are interested in attending this conference, please complete this brief application and return to: **ASCC, 351 Wagoner Drive, Suite 410, Fayetteville, NC 28303** as soon as possible! There are a limited number of spaces for this training. These scholarships are available to parents of children and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). If you have any questions, call our office at 826-3004. Upon acceptance and selection of your application, we will notify you.

(PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BY September 11)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of child with ASD \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide a brief statement below as to why you would like to attend the TEACCH workshop and how you feel that this would benefit you or the population of individuals with ASD.

- *Please note that the ASCC will pay the registration fee directly to TEACCH. If you are selected as a recipient of this scholarship and for any reason are unable to attend, this fee will be **non-refundable to ASCC**. Please notify our office at 826-3004 immediately in case of any emergency that might prohibit your attendance. We would prefer to send an alternate applicant in your place to prohibit any loss of money.*

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Winner of the Autism Society of  
North Carolina affiliate of the Year  
Award—1996, 2002, & 2003

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Supporting Individuals Within The Autism Spectrum



The Autism Society of Cumberland County is an affiliate of the Autism Society of North Carolina

**Mission Statement**

The Autism Society of Cumberland County is committed to providing support and promoting opportunities which enhance the lives of individuals within the autism spectrum and their families.

**Vision Statement**

The Autism Society of Cumberland County strives to create a community where people within the autism spectrum and their families receive respect, services, and supports based on individual differences, needs, and preferences.

**Funded In Part By:**



**Donations**

Please remember the ASCC with your **tax-deductible** charitable contribution!

**Checks should be made payable to:**

Autism Society of Cumberland County  
PO Box 35600  
Fayetteville, NC 28303

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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